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IN THE ABSTRACT

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Please ☒ enter the following substitute paragraph for the abstract:

B<sup>1</sup>  
A harness arrangement for a seat, the arrangement including an occupant harness configured to be worn by an occupant of the seat, a separate seat harness securable to the seat, and the seat harness being releasably connected to the occupant harness.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amended claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 22 and substitute the amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers.

B<sup>2</sup> *over*  
1. (Amended) A harness arrangement for a seat, comprising:  
an occupant harness<sup>19 or 17</sup> configured to be worn by an occupant of the seat;  
a separate seat harness<sup>19 or 17</sup> securable to the seat; and  
means releasably to connect the seat harness to the occupant harness, wherein at least part of the seat harness passes around to the front of the occupant.

*claiming occupant*

*over*  
2. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the seat harness is configured to fit over at least part of the torso of the occupant when the seat harness is connected to the occupant harness.

B<sup>3</sup>  
5. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein each strap of the seat is configured for connection to the occupant harness at a point in front of the occupant when the occupant is wearing the occupant harness.



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B3 *Owners* 6. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the occupant harness is configured to fit around the abdominal area of an occupant.

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B4 8. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 3, including means to pay out the seat harness from the seat to enable the occupant to move away from the seat.

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B4 9. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out comprises at least one spring loaded pay out device.

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B5 11. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out includes locking means to selectively lock the seat harness with respect to the seat.

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B6 11.2 22. (Amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out the seat harness from the seat comprises at least one spring loaded pay out arrangement that controls the pay out of a tether line, the arrangement comprising a spring loaded pay out reel on which a tether line is wound; and

locking means configured to engage the tether line at a position spaced from the wound line of the reel to prevent pay out of the tether line from the reel independently of (the spring loaded pay out mechanism.)

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Please add the following new claims:

= 26. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking means is configured to engage the tether line at a predetermined point along the length of the tether line.

B 27. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 26, wherein the predetermined point along the length of the tether line is defined by a locking element fixed to the tether line.

= 28. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 27, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking means comprises a locking member configured to engage the locking element to prevent movement of the locking element past the locking member in a pay out direction.

= 29. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking means is arranged to allow substantially unrestricted movement of the locking element past the locking member in a direction opposite to the pay out direction.

30. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking member is mounted for pivotal movement.

31. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking member is biased towards the tether line.

32. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement tether line is selected as one of the group consisting of: a strap, a cord and webbing.

33. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement tether line is wound on the reel as a coil.

34. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out reel comprises an inertia reel.

35. (New) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the seat harness is configured to fit around at least part of the torso of the occupant when the seat harness is connected to the occupant harness.